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THE "BIG PASTURE," ROOSEVELT'S HUNTING GROUND NOW A POTENTIAL OIL FIELDS.

Frederick Okla.
July 10, 1919.

Editor,
Jackson County Sentinel,
Gainesboro, Tenn

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing you an article, which is a review of the progress of Tillman county, Okla., since the opening 1901 to 1907. As there are a great many Gainesboro and other Jackson county citizens living in this town and community, I take it for granted that their friends would be interested in reading it. Most especially would I like for my old friends John Gore and "Yankee" John Stafford to know that this county was one of former President Roosevelt's hunting grounds. If have space please publish it.

Yours very truly,

H. N. Naylor.

When the Kiowa-Comanche-Apache Indian lands were thrown open to settlement in 1901, all of the present Tillman county, Oklahoma, included, except the Big pasture in which was all of that part of Tillman county, each of a line six miles east of Frederick. This was not opened until 1907.

This section of land was the inheritance of the Comanche Tribe, of whom the famous Quanah Parker was a chief. The Comanche lived further north among the mountains, and along the streams, and so little did they think of its desirability that when this land was opened for settlement by the white men, and the Indians were given the right to choose their allotment, but few chose within the borders of what is now Tillman county. The red men saw no appeal in the vast expanse of unbroken prairie, which reached from the Red river northward to old Greer county, a country which in future years was to reveal itself, not alone as the most fertile portion of the great Empire of the southwest, but beneath whose fields of waving grain was to be found those streams of molten, which the ingenuity of man brings forth from the depth of the earth, in its first stage as crude oil, by whose magic the plain becomes the city, the farmer the oil magnate, and the poor man the millionaire.

The portion known as the Big Pasture comprised about 400,000 acres, which the Secretary of the Interior had set aside at the time of 1901 opening as a reserve for the Indians. It was in the Big Pasture at Panther Springs, twelve miles east of Frederick, that President Roosevelt camped when he came on his hunting trip to Oklahoma in 1905. Coyotes were then plentiful in the Big Pasture, and it was then, John Abernathy gained fame and a United States Marshalship by catching these beasts with his bare hands to the great delight of the President and his party. It was then that President Roosevelt became interested in this great country. And when Congress in 1906 enacted a law providing for the opening of this reserve to homesteaders, it is believed that the president was instrumental in having a minimum price of \$5 per acre set upon land in the Big Pasture.

That part of the Big Pasture

comprising the eastern portion of Tillman county, over which the herds of Burk Burnett was want to roam, now become a thickly settled country, and the cowboy gave way to the home-builder.

Since that time the country has continued its steady growth. Its agricultural possibilities have been demonstrated by the fields of waving wheat which makes of Tillman county one vast granary. The 1919 crop is conservatively estimated at 3,000,000 bushel, a crop which will require 100 trains of 25 cars each to haul to market, or a string of cars 19 1/2 miles in length.

This great wheat country is now the center of the oil magnates attention, and the time is merely waiting the garnering of the great wheat crop for the wheat fields will become oil fields; for the binder and thresher to be moved away and the oil derrick and drilling rig to take its place.

Demand for acreage in Tillman county is constantly growing. Outside capital is being heavily invested in oil leases, and the Big Pasture where the Rooseveltian smile was at its heartiest, when the long drawn howl of the coyote was borne to the camp on the night wind, where the campfires glistened reminiscences of frontier days were interchanged between the grizzled veterans of the frontier, and the members of the president's party, is now the scene of unwanted activity. More than forty derricks are already in evidence. The price of leases ranges from \$10 to \$1000, per acre. Acreage is in demand, but much land is being bought outright from the skeptical, only to be leased in a day or two for sometimes double the purchase price. Land that last year could have been bought for a song, from the discouraged farmer, will this year yield a wheat crop which will exceed in value that would have been last years price on the land itself. When the wheat is in the granary and the oil prospector makes the location which will bring from the earth the precious fluid whose Midas-like touch transmits to gold all which surrounds, the price of acreage will go by leaps and bounds.

Experts declare Tillman county the finest "Wild Cat" territory yet known. The days are numbered until it will be "proven" territory, and Frederick will be an oil capital.

The Frederick of today is a very different place from the raw little plains village where where President Roosevelt's party arrived on their hunting trip. A modern city of paved streets and substantial buildings have been erected.

It is a far cry from the wolf hunt to the oil field, but where the Coyote nightly howled, the only sound to break the silence now is the whirr of the engines and machinery as night shifts succeeds day shifts in their efforts to reach the depths of the earth in record time, and where Roosevelt campfires were the only lights, except the moon and stars. Lights now gleam in all directions. New industries are crowding, and soon the Big Pasture, as such, will be only a memory, but a memory withal dear to the hearts of Tillman countians to whom the cheery good-fellowship of "Teddy" Roosevelt was extended.

LARGE CROWDS HEAR DR. J. M. SOMERNDIKE AT ROUGH POINT, INDIAN CREEK AND WHITLEYVILLE.

Those who heard Dr. J. M. Somerndike last Sunday at Rough Point, Indian Creek and Whitleyville, secured a vision for service that challenges the best there is in a man or woman.

Dr. Somerndike spoke at Rough Point in morning, and although the weather was unusually warm a large audience greeted him. At the close of Sunday-school an excellent program of songs, drills and recitations conducted by the superintendent, Alonzo McCawley, was enjoyed by the audience. After giving a short talk to the children, Dr. Somerndike plunged into the heart of the Sermon on the Mount, showing from it that the Christian religion was not only to be lived on Sunday, but every day in the week. His treatment of the Lord's prayer was masterful. Striking the key-note in the first two words "Our Father" he lifted his hearers to a plane of brotherhood and christian unity.

In the afternoon Dr. Somerndike spoke to a packed house at the Indian Creek school house. Sunday-school was held, after which Mrs. Fine Long led her class of singers in a number of soul stirring songs. As the old hymns rang through the valley, tender reminiscence of early childhood were brought to the hearts of the listeners.

Dr. Somerndike spoke on the possibilities of a Sunday-school doing social service and community work. He mentioned Bible classes organized to study the Bible, visiting the sick and needy, building roads and other kindred affairs. He was so impressed with the Indian Creek Sunday-school, that he presented the school with a fifty dollar library. This library was placed at the disposal of Dr. Somerndike by a lady in New Jersey as a memorial to her son killed in France, to be given to a deserving rural Sunday-school. A. M. Forkum, superintendent, received the library in behalf of the school in a short talk. Mr. Forkum deserves congratulations for the fine progress the Sunday-school has made, and the community in general are justly proud of their Sunday-school.

After the afternoon meeting the trip to Whitleyville was made in a car. The meeting there was held in the Arbor church, and the largest audience ever assembling for a similar occasion greeted Dr. Somerndike. He spoke chiefly to the young people, taking as his text the "Prodigal Son." He laid stress of the fact that is not necessary for a young man or girl to go part way through life sinning deeply, before becoming converted, but that God wanted His children to stay at home with Him from the cradle up. This, he contended is what the Sunday-school is doing for the young people. But this work must be supplemented with family altars in the home. Rev. Van Smith concluded the service with a spirited appeal that gripped the hearts of his hearers.

Dr. Somerndike was accompanied by Rev. Van Smith and S. A. D. Smith and V. E. Coapman. The reception with which Dr. Somerndike was met at the three meetings, illustrates the hospitality of Jackson county citizens, and that they are becoming deeply interested in Sunday-school and other religious work.

SEVERAL PROMINENT MEN TO SPEAK AT SUNDAY SCHOOL MEETING TO BE HELD SATURDAY, JULY 26.

Futher preparations for the Jackson county Sunday-school meeting to be held in Brooks' Groove, Saturday, July 26, are nearing completion. Besides the program that was published last week several prominent men will deliver addresses.

Word has been received that Rev. Clair Starr Adams, evangelist and singer, will be with us that day.

Rev. J. H. Miller, well known missionary of the Cumberland Mountain Presbytery will lend his aid in making the meeting a success.

Effort is being made to secure Rev. John McPhearson, superintendent of Sunday-schools of the Tennessee Conference of M. E. Church South. Rev. McPhearson is an able speaker and well acquainted with all phases of Sunday-school work.

An eminent member of Tennessee judicial court is expected to make one of the principal addresses.

Sunday-schools and churches in various parts of the county are working on songs, recitations and drills.

All are welcome to take part in making July 26 a day of mutual helpfulness and spiritual uplift.

Program Com.

VIRUS PERMIT HOLDERS TO MEET IN COLUMBIA, WEDNESDAY, JULY 23.

To Virus Permit Holders of Jackson County:

There will be a meeting for all Virus Permit Holders of Middle Tennessee at Columbia from 8.30 a. m. to 10.30 a. m. on Wednesday, July 23, 1919.

This meeting will be held in conjunction with and during the annual convention of the Middle Tennessee Farmers Institute on July 22, 23 and 24.

The object of the Virus Permit Holders' meeting is to develop greater efficiency among those who are permitted by the State to use virus in the vaccination of hogs against cholera. We hope to make this meeting of greater educational value than any similar meeting we have ever held. You are requested to make every effort to be at the meeting on time, which will be held in the Columbia High School building.

Hoping to meet you there on the morning of July 23, I beg to remain,

Yours very truly,

M. Jacob,

State Veterinarian.

OBJECTS AND AIMS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION.

The American Legion is the organization of American veterans of the World War. It is a civilian organization, non-political, non-military and non-partisan. It makes no distinction of rank and no distinction between men who served over seas and those who did not get across. Any soldier, sailor or marine who served between April 6, 1917 and Nov 11, 1918, and was honorably discharged, is eligible for membership.

Among the objects of the Leg-

ion are: To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America; to maintain law and order; to foster and perpetuate a one hundred per cent. Americanism; to preserve the memories and incidents of our association in the Great War; to inculcate a sense of individual obligations to the community, state and nation; to promote peace and good will on earth.

Local posts are being organized throughout Tennessee with a minimum of fifteen members. Application blanks for charter and all necessary information can be secured by writing to William J. Bacon, State Secretary, Goodbar Building, Memphis, Tenn.

DR. W. B. RICKS WILL PREACH AT METHODIST CHURCH SUNDAY.

Dr. W. B. Ricks, of Nashville, the president of the The Board of Missions for the Tennessee Conference, will preach in the Methodist Church at Gainesboro, Sunday, July 20th. Dr. Ricks comes to us to see what more can be done for Gainesboro Mission. He comes all the way from Nashville just to meet with the officials of this Charge and to preach to the people at the 11 o'clock hour Sunday. Hence the importance of a full attendance. I want every official to be present from all the Churches, and let's give him a large audience to preach to. Make your plans now to attend, don't fail to be on hand Sunday, July 20th, at 11 o'clock.

Yours expectantly,

O. P. Gentry (P. C.)

HELPING FARMERS AND SOLDIERS FIND FARMS.

A valuable work in assisting farmers and returned soldiers is that now being done by the division of agricultural extension of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. They have gathered full information relative to farms for sale or rent in all parts of the State and the list is now finished. Copy of this list, which contains a brief description of each farm, may be secured upon request. Practically any size farm desired will be found on this list.

FORMER GAINESBORO BOY MARRIES.

Mr. John V. Minor and Miss Mary Frank Hoffmeister, both of this city, were married at Double Springs on Thursday afternoon, by Rev. B. S. Goolsby. They left on the afternoon train for Nashville and other points. Those from Cookeville in attendance were Mr. and Mrs. Herman Mott, Miss Neta Williams and Frank Shirley. Both are well known young people, the bride being the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hoffmeister, and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Minor, and only recently returned from France. The bride was attractively attired in a beautiful gown of blue crepe de chine with hat match. —Putnam County Herald.

FOR SALE:—Richmond Piano, good condition, been well cared for. Terms—cash. For particulars call or see Will McCawley, Rough Point exchange. If you want a good piano cheap, this is your chance. 7-17.

THE INTERCHURCH WORLD MOVEMENT OF NORTH AMERICA NOW AT WORK IN TENNESSEE.

The Rural Survey Section of the Interchurch World Movement of North America is now at work in Tennessee, its headquarters being with the division of agricultural extension of the University of Tennessee, which is cooperating in the work to the fullest degree. The Interchurch World Movement has as its central organizing principle a thoro going plan of cooperation between churches in their educational and missionary program. The first feature of the plan is a Nationwide church and community survey to ascertain what the existing conditions are, in order to have facts upon which to formulate a program. This is the part of work that is now being put into effect thru the rural survey section.

Dr. Thomas Freeman Dixon, State supervisor of rural survey, is on the field organizing the forces that will make a sociological survey of every community in the State, and a religious survey of every church. A State survey council is being formed of men of all denominations operating in the State, with representatives of the educational institutions. This council will have entire charge of the survey work in the State.

In each county a key-man will have charge of the actual work of making the survey in his county and will have associated with him persons representing the various churches in the county. These will form a county survey council and will be responsible to the State council for the work in that particular county. Thus the work will all be in the hands of local people. The same plan is being put into effect in every State in the Union.

Middle Tennessee Farmers' Institute Will Convene At Columbia July 22.

Columbia, Tenn, July 16 (Special to Sentinel)—Daddy will learn a new way to grease his plow, mother a new way to bake a doughnut, sonny a new way to rope his calf, and sis a new way to care for her flowers at the Middle Tennessee Farmers' Institute here July 22, 23, 24.

Reports from all sections of Middle Tennessee are to the effect that Columbia will look like "mule day," the crowds will be so large. The farmers are coming. They will bring their wives, children and others.

The first address will be made Tuesday morning by J. M. Dean, district agent for this section. He will tell of results of the organization of Davidson county for community work and farm development. The session opens at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning.

Numerous interesting speakers are on the program for the three days' session. These will include President H. A. Morgan of the University of Tennessee, who was for many years the efficient dean of the college of agriculture. Others will be Prof. C. A. Keffler, director of the division of extension, college of agriculture, University of Tennessee; Dr. M. Jacob, W. A. Schoenfeld, Prof. Albert Williams, and many others, all of whom are expert in their line.